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SUBJECT: TURKISH CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (TURK-IS)
AND INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES

1. SENATOR HALIL TUNC (PRESIDENT OF TURK-IS) NOW IN GERMANY
WILL BE VISITING BRUSSELS WITHIN NEXT WEEK TO REVIEW TURK-IS
AFFILIATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS. TUNC
IN PARTICULAR WILL WANT TO REVIEW TURK-IS AFFILIATION WITH THE
ICFTU'S ASIAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION (ARO). HE MAY BE
EXPECTED TO MAKE STRONG EFFORT WITHDRAW FROM ARO AND TO
JOINT EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONGRESS (ETUC) INSTEAD.

2. IN ADDITION, TUNC WILL PROBABLY SEEK TO REVIEW WITH THE
ICFTU AND ETUC THE REQUESTS FOR AFFILIATION BY TURK-IS'
COMPETITOR, THE LEFT-LEANING CONFEDERATION OF TURK-IS REFORMIST/
REVOLUTIONARY TRADE UNIONS (DISK). REPORTEDLY, DISK HAD
MADE AN APPEAL BOTH TO THE ICFTU AND ETUC TO JOIN; THESE
WERE TURNED DOWN, PROVISIONALLY, AT LEAST. LIKewise, TUNC
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WILL PROBABLY RAISE THE PARTICIPATION OF DISK IN FEBRUARY

AT THE EAST-WEST TRADE UNION MEETING AT THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOR OFFICE. KEMAL SULKER (BELIEVED TO BE A COMMUNIST)
REPRESENTED DISK AT THIS MEETING.

3. IF APPROPRIATE AND POSSIBLE, PLEASE EXTEND COURTESIES.
TUNC IS ACCOMPANIED BY SANAR TAYSI, WHO IS BILLINGUAL IN
ENGLISH. FOLLOWING THE TUNC VISIT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION THAT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE ICFTU CONCERNING THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE TUNC VISIT.
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